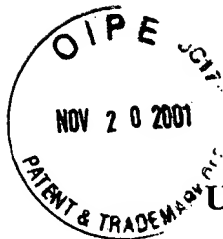


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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Acting through the undersigned attorney, the applicant requests a two-month extension of the shortened time set for responding to the Office Action dated June 20, 2001. A check for \$400.00 is submitted herewith for the extension fee and you are authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee submitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1644.

You are requested to amend each of claims 13, 16, 17, 18, and 19, so as to read as follows:

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13. (Amended) A connecting device suitable for attaching a pipe to a surface comprising a first part fixable to the surface and a second part slidably attachable to the first part in a given direction along the pipe and forming an at least partial enclosure for the pipe, the first and second parts having co-operating formations enabling the attachment of the second part to the first part to be selectively adjustable, whereby spacing of the pipe from the surface is adjustable, the first and second parts having co-operating formations limiting movement of the second part relative to the first part, in the given direction along the pipe, once the second part has been slidably attached to the first part.

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16. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 13, wherein each of the first and second parts has interchangeable arms.

17. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein inner faces of the arms of one part have series of spaced teeth, which are selectively engageable between corresponding teeth on outer faces of the arms of the other part.